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1. A Western Frontier Guards Regiment is stationed in Vimperk. The barracks of this regiment ("Kasarna strazcu zapadnich hranic") are located at the right side of the state highway leading from Vimperk to Prachatice, about five minutes' distance from the railway station. [See: Enclosure (A): Sketch of military area near Vimperk, with Legend, _____]. In these barracks the regimental and the 3rd Battalion commands are located. The 1st Battalion is located in Kasperske Hory (the Kasperske Mountains) and the 2nd Battalion in Vimperk. The barracks consist of two two-story buildings, 11 single-story brick buildings and 16 single-story wooden houses. The barracks housed 35 officers and 650 men.
2. The following men served with the Guards Regiment:
 - (a) Commander of the Regiment, Javor Svetozor Chytil, 49, 175 cm tall with thin, brown hair;
 - (b) Major (fnu) Polak, Deputy, about 52 years old;
 - (c) Chief of food-supply, Major (fnu) Churan;
 - (d) Regimental political officer, 1st Lieutenant (fnu) Pesek, about 38 years old;
 - (e) Commander, 1st Company, 1st Lieutenant (fnu) Navratil;
 - (f) Commander, 2nd Company and Deputy Commander of the school, Lieutenant (fnu) Jirkovsky;
 - (g) Commander, Artillery Company, Lieutenant (fnu) Madera;
 - (h) Commander of the NCO school, Lieutenant (fnu) Jedlicka.
3. The NCO School was located in the barracks and consisted of four companies:
 - (a) 1st Company, an infantry company with 120 men;
 - (b) 2nd Company, a heavy machine gun company with 110 men;
 - (c) 3rd Company, a mortar company with 80 men;
 - (d) 4th Company, an artillery company with 50 men.
4. The men were equipped with Model 98-N rifles and the non-coms with submachine guns, Model 48-A and 48-B. For training the following weapons and equipment were used in addition to those previously described;
 - (a) Model 38 light machine guns, same caliber as the rifles and with standard air cooling equipment;
 - (b) Model 38 heavy machine guns, same caliber as the rifles and with standard air cooling equipment;
 - (c) Soviet Model 82 mortars, 102 mm.

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- (d) 57-mm anti-tank cannon, Soviet make, on rubber wheels;
 - (e) 75-mm "Samochodka" (self-propelled) cannon on caterpillar trucks;
 - (f) Old German tanks, for training. They had reinforced armor and a more powerful engine had been installed; there were six such tanks;
 - (g) Motor vehicles: six Model "Skoda-Tudor" cars, four jeeps, one four-seater passenger car for the officers, 56 trucks (three ton), 12 trucks (two and one-half ton) and a large number of Model "Jawa 250" motorcycles. Officers' cars were equipped with radio transmitters.
5. The pay of soldiers in the regiment was 11/2 Kc per day; this was four Kc more than the amount paid to regular soldiers.
 6. The regiment spent four weeks each summer in the training camp near Cesky Krumlov.
 7. The 26th Infantry Regiment is located in Vimperk; it was the following address: Posadkove Velitclisti (Garrison Command) Vimperk 10/R. This regiment is subordinate to the Division Command in Susice. The barracks of the 26th Infantry Regiment were located at the right side of the main highway to Prachatice, in the former hotel "Vltava", a two-story building. One hundred and fifty officers and men were quartered there. Other barracks of the 26th Infantry Regiment were also located in the middle of the city, at the right side of the Vimperk-Prachatice highway, in the former printing house "Stramberger". In this two-story building 150 officers and men of the 7th and 8th Companies were quartered.
 8. The Garrison Ammunition Depot was in a little woods about four minutes walk from the barracks of the Western Frontier Guards. The area was 300 x 200 m in size and was enclosed by barbed wire. The guard unit posted at the depot consisted of one commander, his deputy the head of the guard unit, nine men and two dogs. The ammunition depot consisted of one one-story brick building which served as a guard lodge and two wooden barracks. The ammunition depot was built underground. Each building was enclosed by a wire fence. The guards all watched the building at the same time and were connected by phone with the guard lodge. The ammunition and arms of the 26th Infantry Regiment were stored in the depot.
 9. The old rifle range was located in a little woods near Boubska village, northeast of Vimperk about one and one-half km from the barracks. The dimensions of the rifle range area were 500 x 600 m. The range was used for rifles, submachine guns and machine guns.
 10. Military training ground "A" was located near the barracks of the Guards, northeast of the Vimperk-Prachatice state highway. The dimensions of the training ground were 1100 x 1000m. This training ground was used for the training of engineers and for practice with the "Samochodka".
 11. Military drill ground "B" was located northeast of the barracks of the Guards, at the left side of the Vimperk-Prachatice state highway. Normal military drill was carried out on this ground.
 12. A new rifle range was located south of Klasterec village at the right side of the Vimperk-Volary state highway. The dimensions of this rifle range were about 1200 x 1500 m and the range was finished [redacted]. The range was used for all types of weapons.
 13. The Commander of the Division was Colonel (fnu) Kolovratnik, 47 years old, thin, blond hair. During a regimental inspection, Colonel Kolovratnik was accompanied by a Soviet colonel. The Division in Susice is subordinated to the Command of the 2nd Army Corps, the Commander of which is General (fnu) Papousek. Papousek was always accompanied by a Soviet colonel during the inspection.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Military area near Vimperk, with Legend, drawn by informant

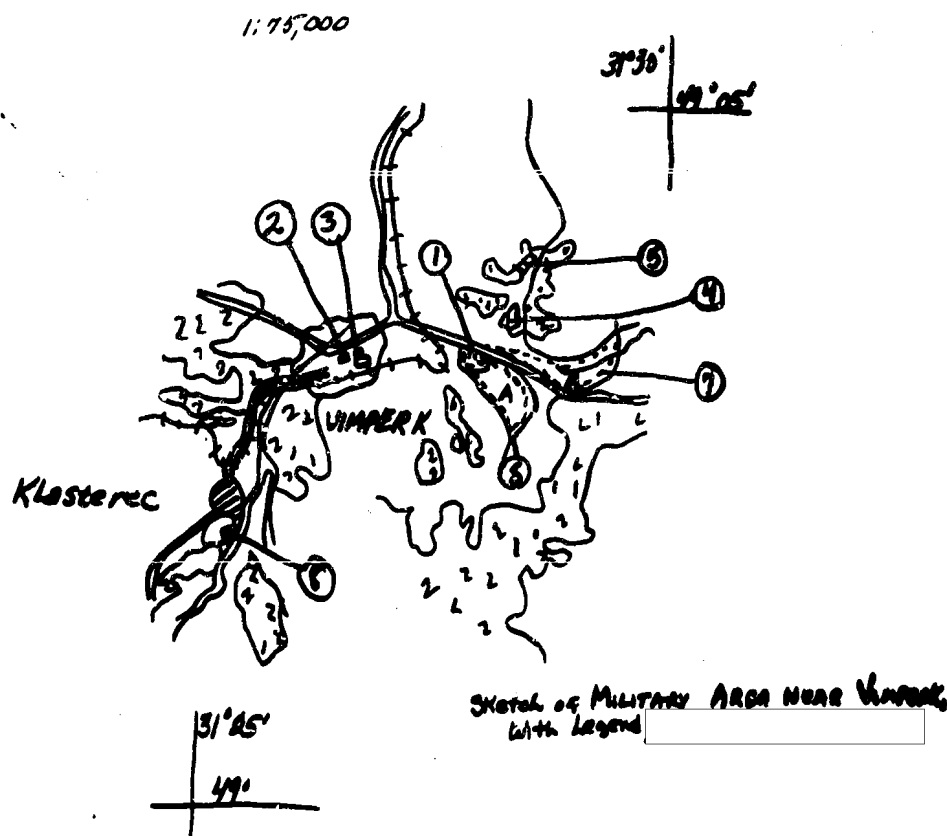
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Legend

1. Barracks of the Western Frontier Guards
2. Barracks of the 26th Infantry Regiment in the former hotel "Vitava"
3. Barracks of the 26th Infantry Regiment in the former printing house "Strenberger"
4. The Garrison Ammunition Depot
5. The old rifle range
6. Military training ground "A"
7. Military drill ground "B"
8. The new rifle range

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